

Wilmington, Delaware
September 15, 2011

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Shabazz

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including a requirement for Council approval by resolution and including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Department of Planning, and partnering with the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation, the Wilmington Housing Partnership, and the Christina Cultural Arts Center, is seeking to obtain grant funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the 2011 Community Challenge Grant program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to be utilized to acquire property in West Center City and the Downtown Business District to develop affordable artist live/work space; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Wilmington Department of Planning to submit the aforesaid application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2011 Community Challenge Grant program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Department of Planning is hereby authorized to apply for the aforesaid application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2011 Community Challenge Grant program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to develop an affordable artist live/work space program.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilmington Department of Planning shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to complete the filing of the grant application, including all undertakings and assurances taken heretofore, and, if and when the grant is forthcoming, to administer the grant and the grant program for the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council
September 15, 2011

ATTEST: Maribel Ruiz
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 7th
day of September, 2011

John R. Chamberlain
City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves the filing of the grant application by the Wilmington Department of Planning for grant funds to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2011 Community Challenge Grant program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to develop an affordable artist live/work space program. The required matching funds will be satisfied by utilizing the value and improvements to property owned by the Wilmington Housing Partnership as well as through in-kind staff time for grant administration.